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Reply

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Sir:

I thank Drs. Zambacos and Mandrekas for their letter regarding the use of the reverse radial forearm flap in reconstruction of the hand. The rationale for this flap in the setting of an intact palmar arch is sound and the flap is reliable. The thoughts presented by Drs. Zambacos and Mandrekas regarding the reverse flow venous drainage are interesting and plausible. Dr. Chang et al. performed anatomical, experimental, and clinical studies on this flap. They found that the cephalic vein has no positive role for venous drainage in distally based flaps; instead, venous outflow is dependent on the venae comitantes.¹

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